STATE OF CALIFORNIA DECISION OF THE PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS BOARD

REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA,

Charging Party,

V.

ASSOCIATE OF GRADUATE STUDENT EMPLOYEES, UNITED AUTO WORKERS,

Respondent.

Case No. SF-CO-70-H

PERB Decision No. 1596-H

February 9, 2004

<u>Appearances</u>: Littler Mendelson by Robert G. Hulteng and Joshua J. Cliffe, Attorneys, for Regents of the University of California; Schwartz, Steinsapir, Dohrmann & Sommers by Henry M. Willis, Attorney, for Association of Graduate Student Employees, United Auto Workers.

Before Baker, Whitehead and Neima, Members.

DECISION

BAKER, Member: This case is before the Public Employment Relations Board (Board) on appeal by the Regents of the University of California (Regents) of a Board agent's dismissal of its unfair practice charge. The charge alleged that the Association of Graduate Student Employees, United Auto Workers violated the Higher Education Employer-Employee Relations Act (HEERA)¹ by engaging in a pre-impasse sympathy strike.

By letter dated December 13, 2003, the Regents seek to withdraw their unfair practice charge. After reviewing the record, the Board finds that such a withdrawal is in the best interests of the parties and is consistent with the purposes of the HEERA.

¹HEERA is codified at Government Code section 3560 et seg.

<u>ORDER</u>

The request of the Regents of the University of California to withdraw the unfair practice charge in Case No. SF-CO-70-H is hereby GRANTED. Accordingly, the appeal and unfair practice charge are WITHDRAWN.

Members Whitehead and Neima joined in this Decision.